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Application Number	10/031,686
Filing Date	01/22/2002
First Named Inventor	N. Ehmer
Art Unit	3661
Examiner Name	T. Nguyen
Attorney Docket Number	AP9671

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-3145. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Joseph V. Coppola, Sr.	Registration No.	33373

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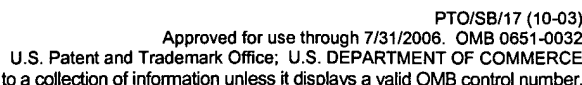
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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### FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

	Large Entity	Small Entity
1. <b>Revenue Recognition</b>	Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied, which is typically when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.	Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied, which is typically when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.
2. <b>Expense Recognition</b>	Expenses are recognized when the related asset is consumed or the liability is incurred, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.	Expenses are recognized when the related asset is consumed or the liability is incurred, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.
3. <b>Asset Recognition</b>	Assets are recognized when the entity has control over a resource that is expected to generate future economic benefits.	Assets are recognized when the entity has control over a resource that is expected to generate future economic benefits.
4. <b>Liability Recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognized when the entity has a present obligation to transfer an asset or provide a service in the future.	Liabilities are recognized when the entity has a present obligation to transfer an asset or provide a service in the future.
5. <b>Equity Recognition</b>	Equity is recognized when the entity has a residual interest in the assets after deducting liabilities.	Equity is recognized when the entity has a residual interest in the assets after deducting liabilities.

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>	<b>(\$)</b>
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims <input type="text"/> -20** =	<input type="text"/> x	=	<input type="text"/>
Independent Claims <input type="text"/> -3** =	<input type="text"/> x	=	<input type="text"/>
Multiple Dependent		=	<input type="text"/>

Large Entity	Small Entity
<p>1. <b>Revenue Recognition</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>percentage of completion method</b> for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue as work progresses. Small entities often use the <b>cost of sales method</b>, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p>	<p>1. <b>Revenue Recognition</b></p> <p>Small entities typically use the <b>cost of sales method</b> for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p>
<p>2. <b>Inventory Valuation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>FIFO (First In, First Out)</b> method for inventory valuation. Small entities may use the <b>LIFO (Last In, First Out)</b> method, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p>	<p>2. <b>Inventory Valuation</b></p> <p>Small entities may use the <b>LIFO (Last In, First Out)</b> method for inventory valuation, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p>
<p>3. <b>Depreciation</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>MACRS (Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System)</b> for depreciation. Small entities may use the <b>straight-line method</b> for depreciation.</p>	<p>3. <b>Depreciation</b></p> <p>Small entities may use the <b>straight-line method</b> for depreciation.</p>
<p>4. <b>Bad Debt Expense</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>allowance method</b> for bad debt expense. Small entities may use the <b>direct write-off method</b>.</p>	<p>4. <b>Bad Debt Expense</b></p> <p>Small entities may use the <b>direct write-off method</b> for bad debt expense.</p>
<p>5. <b>Lease Accounting</b></p> <p>Large entities use the <b>ASC 842 (Leases)</b> for lease accounting. Small entities may use the <b>ASC 840 (Leases)</b> for lease accounting.</p>	<p>5. <b>Lease Accounting</b></p> <p>Small entities may use the <b>ASC 840 (Leases)</b> for lease accounting.</p>

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ )

**\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above**

**FEE CALCULATION** (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	790.00
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid	<b>SUBTOTAL (3)</b>	(\$)	790.00
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